Police Department—Retrenchment in.

296. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have effected any retrenchment in the Police Department recently and if the answer is in the affirmative, how it was effected and the amount saved thereby?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes; (1) By the abolition of the post of Southern Division Traffic Inspector, (2) by the abolition of 2 posts of Inspectors in charge of Urakam and Nemmara stations and (3) by reduction of the fixed allowance of the above posts.

The amount saved is Rs. 190 per month or Rs. 2,280 per year.

A. S. Ps. and D. S. Ps.—work of.

297. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date from which A. S. Ps. were entertained in the State Service;

(b) the number of files dealt with by the D. S. Ps. in the two years preceding the date of entertainment of A. S. Ps.;

(c) the number of files dealt with by D. S. Ps. subsequent to their appointments of A. S. Ps.;?

(d) the number of files dealt with by A. S. Ps. subsequent to their appointments?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police).*—(a) 14th Kumbham 1112.

(b), (c) and (d) All papers submitted by Station House Officers such as General Diaries, Case Diaries, Notes, Leave Rolls, Punishment Rolls, petitions, Takids, and other reports are dealt with by D. S. P. or A. S. P. The D. S. P. or A. S. P. also deals with all papers sent to him by the Commissioner. It is not possible to give even an approximate number of the papers dealt with by these officers.

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